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1. Chilean Communists are claiming that the Radical-Communist student alliance in the Federacion de Estudiantes de Chile (FECh) is more solid at present than ever before. This claim is made in spite of their surprise loss of the FECh presidency to a new student alliance consisting of Liberals, Traditional Conservatives, and Independents, in the September 1951 FECh elections. The Communists also believe that the new alliance is a loose-knit organization which will not be able to exercise control effectively over the FECh now that the elections are over. The Radical-Communist alliance is felt to have lost little more than the titular post of president and expects to dominate the FECh as before.
2. It is reported that the Radical student group is openly against the Gonzalez Videla government, characterizing it as "heaping ignominy upon the Radical Party" and serving solely to enrich those Radicals occupying primary and secondary positions in that government. Because of this feeling they have solidified their position with the Communist students and are reportedly now awaiting definite moves by the Doctrinary Radicals and by the Communists. They then expect to assume a very active part in the coming elections.
3. The return from Berlin of the predominantly Radical and Communist Chilean delegation to the Youth Festival of August 1951 is also expected to be a factor in strengthening relations between the Communist and Radical students preparatory to the presidential campaign.
4. In reviewing relations between Radical and Communist student groups, the Communists note that there has been relative accord between the two for the past three years, which was interrupted only slightly when the Communists were expelled from the government. At that time, the Radical students assumed an air of reserve toward the Communists, but did not accede to President Gonzalez Videla's wish that they actively oppose the Communists.

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